

Opinion

Open meetings

Most people who attend Carbondale Area School Board meetings for the first time are astounded by the formality of the proceedings. The directors follow the agenda like actors reading a script.

Votes are taken in public, but there is virtually no discussion between directors in public. Their most interesting conversations take place behind closed doors during work sessions.

All that may change soon. A new "Sunshine Law" bill was

to be voted on in the state Senate on Tuesday. If passed, as expected, the bill would then go to the House of Representatives.

The bill requires that the public be allowed to attend any meeting in which there is official action or deliberations on issues headed for formal action. This would mean the opening of work sessions (except in a few specific instances) to the public.

We support this bill and urge representatives Serafini and Wargo to vote for its passage.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: If you have recently written a letter to the editor, and have not seen it published, you didn't sign it. Our policy is to print letters that have been signed and include a phone number and address for verification. If necessary, we will withhold names upon request, but we will not publish unsigned letters.

Icy streets

I heartily agree with Dorothy Gault, and a concerned citizen that the roads, and sidewalks in Carbondale are deplorable. It is a fact that if you live on the hill, the only thing left for you to do is to get off the hill, and no one can deny it.

And last, but not least, the walk to the new post office has been a real problem. There have been few sidewalks cleared that you could walk on, and so you walk the street, during the traffic Salem Avenue and River Street. It is indeed a shame that you cannot get to a public building like the post office without going through such hazards.

Why must we go through this? As somebody said to me, "This is par for the course in Carbondale."

Barbara Munton

To the Editor:

You received wrong information regarding my wife, Barbara Munton, in the Armed Forces News section which appeared in the November 16, 1983 issue.

She was promoted to the rank of sergeant on October 5, 1983, not specialist. There is a big difference between the two.

She is a leader, and a good one, too. There is also some new information about her which I'd like to pass on.

In September, 1983, Barbara Munton was named "Mechanic of the Year" (3rd quarter CY 1983) honors after competing among the 30th Medical group's subordinate units.

To top of the year and show 'em what a girl from Carbondale can do, she won "Mechanic of the Year" on December 3, 1983 after defeating the best mechanics of each quarter, all males, in some fierce competition.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for the especially Mary Curtis, my mother-in-law, for only one outstanding mechanic but a real woman, too!

Thanks, Mr. Falvo

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Felix Falvo, president of the Carbondale Area School Board for taking time out from his busy schedule to call me last Wednesday, the day that my letter hit this paper, to inform me of a few inside facts.

First of all, he had asked me why I had not contacted the school board as to their side of the story. I will admit that I really should have done that before I had mailed my letter. I realize now, that this was not very fair, on my part, but as you may recall, when speaking of our predicament, I had used the words "appears" and "seems." These words mean possible opposition to reality. The rest of the letter was my views and opinion of the matter. If those facts had happened to be positively definite, since the situation is not as unwholesome as it has "seemed," and since Mr. Falvo was considerate enough to enlighten me on this matter, I had decided to retract my statements, out of gratitude and consideration.

I would like to express my apologies to Mr. Falvo, and all of the members of the Carbondale Area School Board, who may possibly have taken any offense from my letter. I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to those members for the patience and consideration they have shown us, and to Mr. Falvo, for the information that he had graciously given me.

Sincerely,
Rita-Ragna Rudy

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Do you remember when . . .

15 YEARS AGO
David A. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Evans of Newton Lake, had been awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy by the University of Massachusetts.

Ladies of St. Peter and Paul Church of Simpson seated today officers: Mrs. Basil Revak, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Samoski, president; Mrs. Edward Pradzik, vice president; Mrs. Frank Lidzowski, pergoe chairman; Mrs. Michael Petrak, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Peter Kulencik, bake sale chairman.

Long time members of the Carbondale Lions Club were awarded pins in recognition of their service. They were: Simon Lyoth, Charles W. Avery, Thomas J. Gilson, Walter J. Campbell, John B. Terzano, Pat Scheldel, Todd Kamler, Anthony Malloy, Kenneth C. Munson, Daniel Burns.

The boys of Cub Pack 17 won the Pinewood Derby? They were: John Washinski, John Laskowski, Fred Soha, Steven Voyce and Dave Lesinski.

C.B. Tomaine was elected president of the Liberty Discourt and Savings Bank at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Tomaine succeeded the late Albert C. McClan in the presidency.

Sheriff Santo A. Pascoe was honored at a testimonial dinner at the barge.

Frank E. Hemelright, president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania National Bank and Trust Co., announced the election of Donald Trehawar and Joseph Harlan to the board of directors.

Miss Joan Laskowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Laskowski, 154 S. Church St., a student at David Light-Lee Fowler, Dances School, appeared on the David Light Show.

Miss Carol Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swartz, was of locally selected for inclusion of the 1984-85 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Stephen Bamhas, supervising principal of Fell Township School, said that jettison of the Carbondale area high school will be a real advantage. And that the sooner a decision is made, the better.

Forest City High School set an area high school record for consecutive wins in the Northern League competition for the Forster.

James Genowese was selected for the 36th consecutive year as chairman of the 2 and 3 pack 4 of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Boy Scouts.

City's problems

To the Editor:

We all know that the city of Carbondale is in terrible financial shape. Ruffles and a bing to do little to alleviate a problem. But can we, as citizens, do anything to help? We hope a thorough audit will provide answers that pinpoint the blame where it belongs.

There are legal terms called "non-feasance" - omission to do something, especially what ought to have been done. And "mis-feasance" - a trespass; specifically, the doing wrongfully and in a lawful manner, distinguishing from non-feasance and misfeasance - misbehavior, according to Webster's New Collegiate dictionary.

Responsibility is always at the top. Authority always goes down. Litigation is certainly called for to let the one responsible answer the question of why this city was permitted to go so far into debt.

We now have a council appointed attorney.

Let him begin the legal action that should have been begun years ago.

A city councilman and a few school directors were convicted of felonies just five years ago. Let the attorneys of the present school board and city council and counsel on the temptations, and corrupting influences inherent to public office holders.

And let us all join in attending city council and school board meetings and ask the tough questions that it takes to remind them that it is not going to be the old-style politics anymore.

It's an old adage, but always so true: "Those who do not learn the history of past mistakes, are doomed to repeat them."

Very truly yours,
Bill Shea

Coming home

To the Editor:

I came home today after one year - at least I thought I did!

Coming up the Scranton-Carbondale Highway always had a "sameness" about it, but now I was surprised at the many changes in just 12 months.

The Woodstock which was "the place" when I was a teenager, is now a pile of burnt wood and a chimney. Passing two Pizza Huts in just a few miles also surprised me. We don't even have one in Hartford, Connecticut, population 100,000 or so.



Keeping in touch

By James Laurie
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John and Mary Monahan

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The Passing Of Our Memorable Backhouse

When memory keeps me company and moves to smiles or tears. This weathered object looms thru the mist of years, behind the house and barn it seemed a half a mile or more. My hurrying feet a path had made right to its swinging door. And in our every day of life, it played a leading part. And on the passing transfer stopped, and heaved a sigh. To see a modest girl step out, with glances of shy.

We had our pony garden, that Mama loved so well. I loved it too when the wind was right, we had a stronger smell. That filled the evening breezes, so full of homely cheer. And during my unexpecting aunt, I must not tell you where. One day after afternoon, we had an April Shower. So my Grandmother sat and had to stay an hour. For there the summer mornings, its very cares entwined. And herie bubble reddened, in its steaming hot behind.

All day the fat spiders spun their webs, to catch the buzzing flies. That fitted to and from the house, where Ma was making pies. And once a swarm of hornets bold, had built a palace there. And during my unexpecting aunt, I must not tell you where. Then father took a keystone flaming pole, that was a happy day. He nearly turned the building down, but the hornets left to stay. When summer bubbles began to fade and winter came to call. We looked at the little building, with a heap of ferns and tall.

But when the crust was on the snow and the sultry skies were gray. Inside this building was no place where one would care to stay. We did our duties promptly, one purpose wove our mind. The future of the icy seat, would make one shiver and shake. For early morning, one was sure to be wide awake. The Sears & Roebuck Catalog hung, its pages cleanliness would bring. When Grandma had to go out back and make her morning call. Mama would bundle her up with gloves, a muffler and a shawl. I knew the hole on which she sat, was padded all around. And once I dared to sit there, two days I would find. My legs were all too little and I jinkled there to stay. I never had to come to get out of it, I had passed a year. Then father said, ambition was a thing that little boys should shun. And I used the Children's hole till childhood days were done.

I still marvel at the craft, that cut those holes so true. Labor of love, that fit, me and you. That dear old fashion landmark, I've tramped around a bit. And in my lapid luxury, my life has been a lot of joy. But ere I die, I'll eat the fruit of trees I reaped of yore. And when the seedling grows, where my name is carved upon its door. The memory of yesterday, a necessity, behind the barn, behind our house, agree. A Passing Of Our Memorable Backhouse.

James Laurie

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